**AGREEMENT**

**BETWEEN THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC AND NEW ZEALAND**

**ON A WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEME**

The Slovak Republic

and

New Zealand

(hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”),

Desiringto enhance the friendly relations between both countries,

Have come to the following agreement for the operation of a Working Holiday Scheme (“the Scheme”) between the Parties:

**PART I - OBLIGATIONS OF NEW ZEALAND**

**Article 1**

New Zealand shall, subject to Article 2 of this Agreement, on application by a citizen of the Slovak Republic, issue a temporary visa, valid for presentation for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue, to a citizen of the Slovak Republicwho satisfies each of the following requirements:

a) has the primary intention to holiday inNew Zealand, with employment and study being incidental rather than primary reasons for the visit;

b) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;

c) is not accompanied by dependants;

d) is a holder of a valid passport issued by the Slovak Republic;

e) possesses a ticket for departure from New Zealand, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;

f) possesses sufficient funds for his/her maintenance during the period of stay inNew Zealand, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;

g) pays the prescribed temporary visa application fee;

h) agrees to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance to remain in force throughout his/her stay inNew Zealand;

i) complies with any health and character requirements imposed by New Zealand; and

j) has not participated in the Scheme previously.

**Article 2**

(1) New Zealand shall issue no more than one hundred (100) temporary visasper annum to citizens of the Slovak Republic who satisfy the requirements in Article 1 of this Agreement.

(2) New Zealand shall provide written advice to the Slovak Republic of any decision to adjust the number of temporary visas issued per annum. For the avoidance of doubt, an adjustment in the number of temporary visas issued per annum shall not be regarded as a formal amendment to this Agreement, unless its effect is to reduce the number of temporary visas to be issued per annum to fewer than one hundred (100), in which case the procedure in Article 13 of this Agreement shall apply.

**Article 3**

New Zealand shall permit any citizen of the Slovak Republic who holds a temporary visa issued pursuant to Article 1 of this Agreementand who is granted permission to enter New Zealand to stay in New Zealand,study and undertake paid employment in accordance with the terms of this Agreement for a maximum period of twelve (12) months from the date of the first entry into New Zealand; and to exit and re-enter New Zealand for the period of validity of the temporary visa.

**Article 4**

New Zealand shall require any citizen of the Slovak Republic who has enteredNew Zealand under the Scheme to comply with the laws and regulations of New Zealand and not to engage in employment or study that is contrary to the terms of this Agreement.

**Article 5**

(1) New Zealand shall not permit citizens of the Slovak Republic who have entered New Zealand under the Scheme to engage in permanentemployment during their stay in New Zealand or permit those citizens to work for the same employer for more than six (6) monthsduring their stay in New Zealand.

(2) New Zealand shall permit citizens of the Slovak Republic who have entered New Zealand under the Scheme to enrol in training or study courses not exceeding a total of six (6) months duration during their stay in New Zealand.

**PART II - OBLIGATIONS OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC**

**Article 6**

The Slovak Republic, through the diplomatic missions and consular offices of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, shall, subject to Article 7of this Agreement, on application by a citizen of New Zealand, issue a national visa valid for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of issue, to a citizen of New Zealandwho satisfies each of the following requirements:

a) has theprimary intention to holiday in the territory of the Slovak Republic, with employment and study being incidental rather than primary reasons for the visit;

b) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;

c) is not accompanied by dependants;

d) is a holder of a valid passport issued by New Zealand;

e) possesses a ticket for departure from the Slovak Republic, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;

f) possesses sufficient funds for his/her maintenance during the period of stay inthe territory of the Slovak Republic, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;

g) pays the prescribed national visa application fee;

h) agrees to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance to remain in force throughout his/her stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic;

i) complies with requirements specified in the national legislation of the Slovak Republic; and

j) has not participated in the Scheme previously.

**Article 7**

(1) The Slovak Republic shall issue no more than one hundred (100) national visas per annum to citizens of New Zealand who satisfy the requirements in Article 6 of this Agreement.

(2) The Slovak Republic shall provide written advice to New Zealand of any decision to adjust the number of visas issued per annum. For the avoidance of doubt, an adjustment in the number of visas issued per annum shall not be regarded as a formal amendment to this Agreement, unless its effect is to reduce the number of visas to be issued per annum to fewer than one hundred (100) visas, in which case the procedure in Article 13 of this Agreement shall apply.

**Article 8**

The Slovak Republic shall permit any citizen of New Zealand who holds a national visa issued pursuant to Article 6 of this Agreement and who is granted permission to enter the Slovak Republic to stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic, study and undertake paid employment in accordance with the terms of this Agreement without a work permitfor a maximum period of twelve (12) months from the date of the first entry into the Slovak Republic; and to exit and re-enter the Slovak Republic for the period of validity of the national visa**.**

**Article 9**

The Slovak Republic shall require any citizen of New Zealand who has enteredthe territory ofthe Slovak Republic under the Scheme to comply with the national legislation of the Slovak Republic and not to engage in employment or studythat is contrary to the terms of this Agreement.

**Article 10**

1. The Slovak Republic shall not permit citizens of New Zealand who have entered the territory of the Slovak Republic under the Scheme to engage in permanent employment for the same employer for the period of more than six (6) months during their stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic.
2. The Slovak Republic shall permit citizens of New Zealand who have entered the territory of the Slovak Republic under the Scheme to enrol in training or study courses not exceeding a total of six (6) months duration during their stay in the territory of the Slovak Republic.

**Part III - GENERAL CLAUSES**

**Article 11**

(1) Notwithstanding Articles 1 and 6 of this Agreement, either Party may, consistent with its own laws and regulations, refuse any particular application for a visa issued pursuant to this Agreement it receives.

(2) Either Party may, consistent with its own laws and regulations, refuse the entry into its territory of any person who has been issued a visa pursuant to this Agreement or remove from its territory any person issued a visa pursuant to this Agreement who has obtained entry into its territory.

**Article 12**

(1) Either Party may, at any time, through diplomatic channels request consultations on the provisions of this Agreement. Such consultations shall begin at the earliest possible date, but not later than sixty (60) days from the date the other Party receives the request unless otherwise mutually agreed by the Parties.

(2) Any dispute between the Parties arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation between the Parties.

**Article 13**

This Agreement may be amended by the mutual written agreement of the Parties through an Exchange of Notes through the diplomatic channel.

Article 14

1. Either Party may suspend this Agreement, in whole or in part, for reasons of public security, public order, public health or immigration risk.

(2) The Party that suspends this Agreement in accordance with paragraph (1) shall notify the other Party of the extent of the suspension and the date of its effect promptly through the diplomatic channel.

**Article 15**

(1) This Agreement shall be concluded for an indefinite period. Each Party shall notify the other Party through the diplomatic channel of the completion of its internal procedures necessary for this Agreement to enter into force. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of receipt of the later notification.

(2) Either Party may terminate this Agreement by written notification through the diplomatic channel. In the event of termination by one Party, this Agreement shall expire on the ninetieth (90th) day following the date of receipt of the written termination notice by the other Party.

(3) Any person who, at the date of termination or suspension of this Agreement, already holds a visa issued pursuant to Article 1 or Article 6 of this Agreement shall be permitted to enter and/or remain in the Slovak Republic or New Zealand unless the Parties decide otherwise in writing.

Done at Bratislava on 14 June 2011 in two originals, in the Slovak language and English language, both texts being equally authentic.

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| **For** | **For** |
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